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By order of the Secretary of War,

D. B. TROWBRIDGE, Adjutant General.

THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

The scheme of connecting the telegraph with the Post Office is now before Congress in two bills reported from two important committees in the House, and will, we trust, receive the attentive consideration to which it is so evidently entitled. The main objections that we have yet heard or seen urged against the adoption of this project is that it tends to centralization; that it is an assumption on the part of the Government of duties with which it properly has nothing to do, and that if the Government should take control of the telegraph lines it will not be able to perform the service as well as it is performing now.

Well, these are good objections, and we believe that they are well founded, to see them discussed in Congress intelligently and from a patriotic standpoint. So far as we are concerned, we believe that there is nothing whatever in any one of the objections which we have above enumerated.

The talk about centralization is all nonsense in view of the history of the last ten years. No great measure has ever come before the country to which this objection has not been urged. It first came up on the question of internal improvements, when the spirit of a broad nationality fortunately triumphed. The question again arose in the beginning of our war, when certain sections of the State's right to their individual franchises which were an unnecessary to the people—their so-called statesmen may as well as others for all understand—do not care ten cents about this cry of centralization.

What they want is a strong government, a government under which they shall have the largest amount of liberty and the greatest possible amount of happiness, and these ends attained, do not care whether the Government is centralized or not.

The greatest question in which they are interested is: "Will we be better served by a company of private individuals than by the Government?" The experience so far is not well calculated to impress them favorably upon this question.

They are told that the Post Office is the best service, but as little comes by mail. The business of this office will be from six o'clock a.m. to three o'clock p.m.

THE CLEVELAND (O.) LEADER thinks that the evil in Louisiana is "a want of schools and churches." Our opinion, that it is want of penitentiaries and hangars.

THE HOLIDAY SUCCESS of Congress began yesterday with the adjournment. The National Legislators will not again meet until the 6th of January.

THE BUFFALO COURIER, a true-blue Democratic paper, thinks the "Tribune" has fallen into the hands of the "Philistines." The majority of the people believe that it has just been rescued from their hands.

THE NEXT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES will contain 239 members. Ninety-eight are necessary to prevent a two-thirds majority. Of this number the opposition has already secured 99, with four of the most notorious from the Republicans will certainly have a two-thirds majority in the Forty-third Congress.

The soul of the Pittsburgh Post is dedicated to the memory of Frederick Douglass as now eligible to the Presidency, whereas Carl Schurz is not, and wants a constitutional amendment, but Carl on an equality with Mr. Douglass. We do not think the country is prepared to honor Mr. Schurz in this way at the present time, and we are certain that Congress is not.

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY the demand comes to open the doors of the Credit Mobilier Investigation rooms. The people want to know all about it. They desire to hear the evidence from day to day as it is taken. Innocent men are subjected to all manner of cruel and unjust suspicion. We trust the next session of the committee will be an open one.

THE LYNCHBURG (Va.) PRESS has come to the conclusion that not only the United States, "but a very decided majority of the inhabitants of the Union are becoming tired of retell talk," and that "the opinion is gradually rising up like a fog that a little hanging would not be a very bad remedy for some extreme cases." This idea is thrown out opposite to Mr. Warmoth, down in Louisiana.

Mr. Bowles Glouce thinks that Mr. Colfax's acceptance of the Tribune editorship would be "an inducement of the responsibility of journalism." Why not put it the other way—that the offer of the editorship to Mr. Colfax would be an endorsement of the responsibility of politics?

THE SUNDAY HERALD—In all its manifold business relations with the public the Sunday Herald affords great satisfaction, and worthily sustains a high reputation. Its splendid management in the regard is the theme of unstinted praise. Its bold and unyielding editorial columns have won respect for the expressions of its opinions on all current topics, and its most commendable social relations give it many advantages. The Sunday Herald will issue a Christmas supplement, giving sixteen columns of extra space, and this the Herald is compelled to do to meet the demands of its business patrons.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL, which included in the District appropriation bill, was considered in the Senate yesterday. Mr. Edmunds succeeded, by a majority of one, in adding to it an unimportant amendment, which will have the effect of rendering it back to the House and of delaying the payment by the Government of what it so justly owes. The Vermont Senator—a blow at the Board of Public Works, but who has the satisfaction of knowing that he only made the homes of thousands of poor laborers in this city more cheerful and comfortable this coming Christmas than they might otherwise have been.

THE SUNDAY GAZETTE—It is a pleasure to us to command the daily number of the Sunday Morning Gazette. It promises to be overflowing with original Christmas gems, and opulent in an interesting and appropriate variety of reading matter. Premiums for selling extra numbers of the holiday Gazette are offered to the newsboys, and the Sunday Gazette is a favorite among thousands of readers. Sunday papers are carefully read, and hence business men who advertise in the Gazette are sure of an abundant reward. In advance we tender to Col. Flory, beloved of all men, sincerest congratulations of the season, and also to his patrons, for their wisdom in selecting his journal as a means of communicating with the public. The Gazette is now on the high road of prosperity, and receiving, as it merits, a constantly-increasing popularity.

The Louisville Commercial is responsible for the following:

"Several disappointed and passing young women are about to establish a community at Lone Prairie, Ind., which will be simply a collection of houses, with no church or school, having several husbands. The simplicity of this notion is too apparent, and will never enter into any kind of a skin arrangement. The ladies had better leave Louisville."

THE CAPITAL—"Oh, kiss return to heaven!" was the pious ejaculation of Horace when he was introduced to the editor of the Capital, and for this reason Mr. Plaut postponed his trip thitherward, and to farther fit him for comparison with the saints hereafter to the angels.

Beggarly Paul will still further immortalize himself in the annals of the world by the name of State of New Jersey with the tail of his shirt duster in the laurels. He does this upon a bet, and it is a bet that he will not win.

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Mr. Tuckerman, our late Minister to Africa, is in London, to remain there during the greater part of the winter.

The Boston Globe says there seems to be but very little sympathy in the hearts of the people for the editor of the *Advertiser*.

Isiah Woodbury, of New York, is among the guests at Willard's.

The Secretary of the Navy is compelled to remain at home in consequence of a severe cold.

Mr. Sothern's new American tour is a success.

Tennessee boasts of an eleven-year-old boy who is the equal of David Head.

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